

### **'Amreeka' Discussion Questions**

#### **Directions:**

*Answer 5 of the following questions*

*Please DO NOT provide single word answers. Expand on your answers providing specific examples and reasons for your response.*

#### **PLOT AND THEMES**

1. Why did Muna want to leave the West Bank (Palestine) and come to the United States? (Multiple answers)
2. Can you think of a circumstance that would make you want to leave your country?
3. Do you think Muna and Fadi's experience was typical of immigrants coming to the U.S.? Why or why not?
4. Compare and contrast Fadi's experience with the checkpoint guard and the kids at his school treated?  
How were the situations similar or different?  
How were his reactions similar or different?
5. Was Salma's boyfriend correct when he called Fadi's classmates racist?
6. With which personal problems encountered by Muna and Fadi did you most identify?

#### **CULTURE:**

- 1) What elements of Arab culture did you observe in the film? (5 examples)
- 2) Was Arab culture portrayed positively or negatively? Give an example to defend your opinion.
- 3) What elements of American culture did you observe in the film? (5)
- 4) Was American culture portrayed positively or negatively? Give an example to defend your opinion..